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Ora Wolfe House
Redhouse
Private

mid-19th century

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Before its alteration, the building was a good example of the early type of heavy vertical plank construction built from about 1850 to 1880, which differs from the late buildings of thinner boards.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ora Wolfe House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 50, north side, 1 mile west of intersection with Rt. 219

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Nellie D. Wolfe et al

Telephone #: 301-334-4377

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Michael Kulak
Redhouse

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE zip code
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 86

Folio #: 183

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ora Wolfe House is located in open farmland on the north side of Rt. 50, the old Northwester Turnpike. It has been greatly altered from its original appearance, but some integrity remains.

It is a vertical plank constructed, 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay dwelling with a gable roof. There is a central entrance which faces south. A 1-story, 2 bay by 1 bay wing, with a gable roof, abuts the west elevation of the main block. A 1-story shed porch supported by 4 wooden posts runs across the facade of the main block. A portion of the gable roof at the front of the house has been raised, creating a 2 bay wide shed dormer.

The house rests on a concrete foundation and is covered with aluminum siding; original siding is weatherboard. The aluminum siding and most of the alterations were made in June 1973, according to the present occupant, Michael Kulak. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The facade entrance consists of a 4 paneled wooden door with ornate sawn-work applied to each panel. On either side of the door, 6 pane sidelights surmount panels which have the same applied sawn-work as the door.

Windows are predominately 6/6 sash. There are 2 exterior gable end stone chimneys.

Based on information supplied by the present occupant, Michael Kulak and by Ora Wolfe, his sister-in-law, who was born and raised in this house, and a historical photo which was photocopied from Mr. Kulak's collection, the original appearance can be known.

According to Ora Wolfe and Michael Kulak, the house is a plank house, constructed with 1½" thick planks. The interior wall treatment was lath and plaster. The original foundation was stone; the stone has been reused by Mr. Kulak in the 2 stone chimneys which are presently located at the gable ends of the house.

As seen on an earlier photo, (enclosed) the house originally had a double entrance. The original treatment of the doors (sidelights and decorative panels) has been maintained in the present single entrance, described earlier.

This site includes a frame barn constructed in the early 1930s, replacing an earlier log barn. The frame barn measures approximately 40 x 60 feet, is made of chestnut and poplar wood, and lies northwest of the house. Three frame outbuildings lie directly west of the house, and a spring and frame springhouse/cold cellar lie southwest of the house, toward Rt. 50.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although this house is totally altered today, a late-19th century photograph shows its original appearance. The building was a good example of the early type of heavy vertical plank construction built from about 1850 to 1880, which differs from the later buildings of thinner boards. Its general configuration and building type resembles the Charlie Reckord House, G-II-A-03 .

The building's two elaborate entrances, one of which survives, are an unusual feature.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna Wade, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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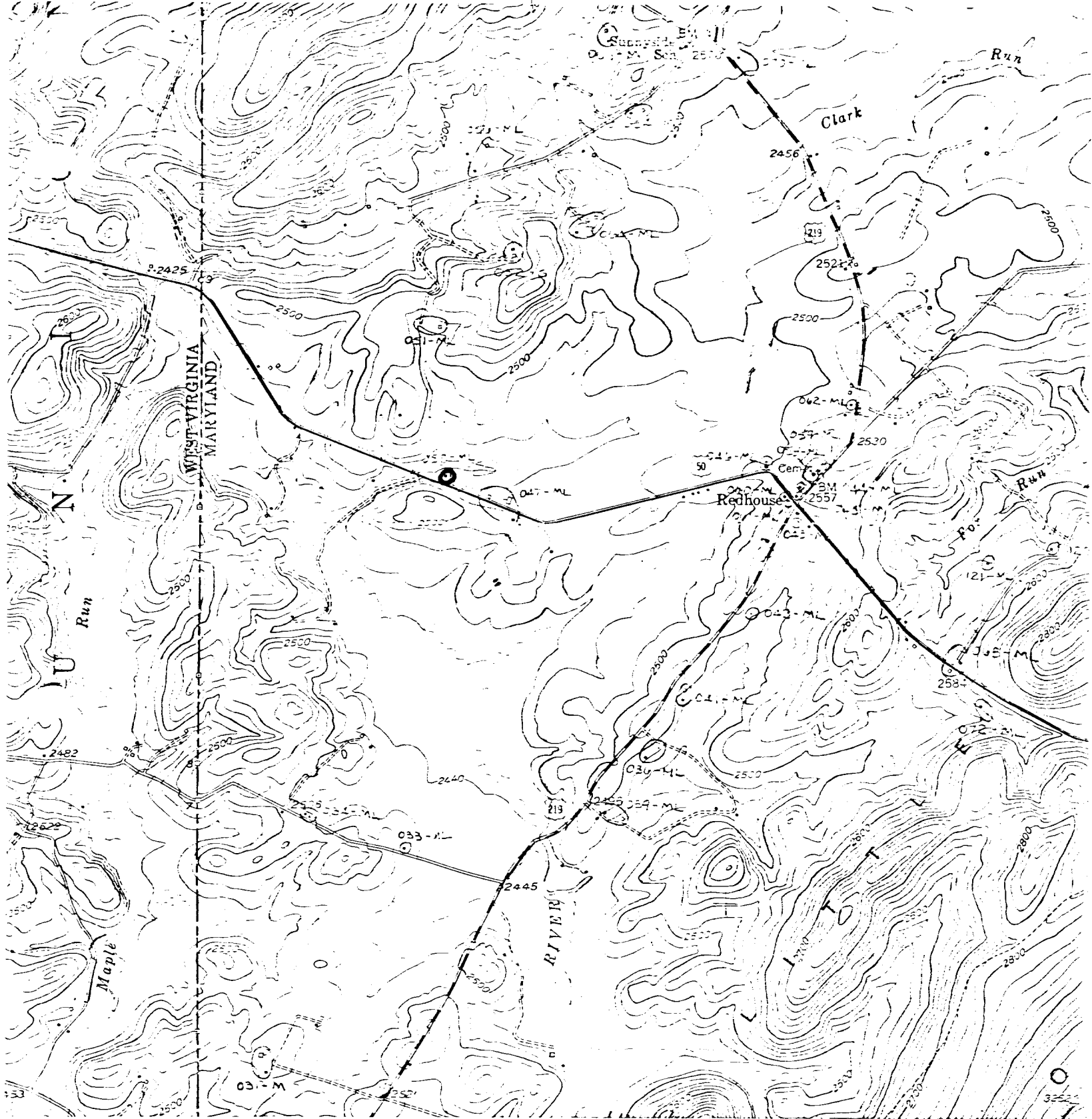


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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1948, photorevised 1974

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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 9/4/80

Photocopy



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S elev. - Facade